Assessment and accreditation in respect of Open Universities

1162. SHRI VIJAY J. DADRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the findings of the Assessment and Accreditation conducted by the IGNOU in respect of Open Universities;

(b) whether such an Assessment and Accreditation has also been conducted by the UGC in respect of regular Universities; and

(c) if so, what are its salient points and how far these assessment studies improved the level and conduct of Universities Education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) According to the information furnished by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), the assessment and accreditation of six State Open Universities have so far been done by visiting teams of eminent experts. While four Universities have shown significant progress in expansion of distance education, the remaining two need to strengthen the system.

(b)Yes, Sir.The Assessment and Accreditation of regular Universities is conducted by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), an autonomous institutions of University Grants Commission (UGC).

(c) 98 Universities have been assessed and accredited by NAAC so far. The peer-team reports of the respective universities highlight the strengths and areas of concern for improvement in each such University. As a follow up, the Universities have set up Internal Quality Assurance Cells and have taken up Quality sustenance activities.

Conditions of hostels in Government Colleges

1163. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the hostels provided for Government Colleges in small towns are in a pathetic conditions;

(b) if so, the details of hostels where students have complained to the authorities of bad and mismanaged hostel facilities, State-wise and district-wise;

(c) whether the basic amenities provided here like food, toilets and recreation is very poor;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and details of funds granted to States to maintain these Government hostels; and

(e) whether States have asked for increase in funds to maintain these hostels and whether Government have granted the same to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (e) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), no such database is centrally maintained. However, UGC provides financial support to the colleges for construction of women hostels under its relevant scheme.

Aganwadi Centres in Maharashtra

†1164. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accorded sanction to a special proposal for increasing the number of anganwadi centres in Maharashtra under the Child Development Service Scheme;

(b) whether additional allocation of funds has been made for the same; and

(c) if so, the details thereof; district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA): (a) to (c) A request has been received from the Government of Maharashtra for sanction of additional Anganwadi Centres. However, in view of resource constraints, the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme has been approved for continuation in the Tenth Five Year Plan

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.